

Docket No.: 63288-350

**PATENT**#10  
P. Miller  
02/02/04**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Neal J. MIDDLEBERG, et al.

Serial No.: 10/034,853

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

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Confirmation Number: 9627  
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Group Art Unit: 3653  
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Examiner: Schlak, Daniel K  
:**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of September 23, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-33) for prosecution in the above-identified application, with traverse.

The Examiner imposes a restriction of the claims in the following manner.

Group I	Claims 1-33, drawn to a collector with 1st, 2nd and 3rd staging areas;
Group II	Claims 34-46, drawn to a collector with rotatable elements;
Group III	Claims 47-50, drawn to handling system with processing upstream;
Group IV	Claims 51-60, drawn to method for converting a conveyance system,
Group V	Claims 61-72, drawn to a method for transporting letters and stacks;
Group VI	Claims 73-76, drawn to a method for transporting a flat into a 3rd staging area with capability of transporting stacks